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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/817,029

FILED: March 27, 2001

FOR: FUEL CONTAINER HAVING EXCELLENT
GASOLINE BARRIER PROPERTIES

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1772

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: EXAMINER: SIMONE

TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 29, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-15, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to a fuel container; and

Group II: Claims 16-17, drawn to method for producing a fuel container.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-15.

In regard to Groups II and I, the Office has characterized the relationship between these two groups as process of making and product made. Citing MPEP §806.05(f), the Office suggests the claimed products "can be made by a materially different process without the steps of the Group II process i.e. heat-sealing the open-end edges of the two sections to complete a fuel container and coating the inner surface of each section except the area of open-end edge thereof with a layer of barrier materials etc." However, there is no evidence